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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session, the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 9th, 19th, 20th, 22nd and 26th meetings on 24 October, 17, 21 and 26 November and 10 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.9, 19, 20, 22 and 26).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/596);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/609);



Report of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations (A/57/78);

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations (A/57/78 and Add.1);

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/434);

Audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates (A/56/648);

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

Note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.9

4. At the 9th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations" (A/C.5/58/L.9).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.9 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.10

6. At the 9th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of South Africa, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates" (A/C.5/58/L.10).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.10 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution II).

C. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.29

8. At the 26th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi" (A/C.5/58/L.29), which was submitted by the representative of the Netherlands, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.29 without a vote (see para. 13, draft decision I).

D. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

10. Also at the 26th meeting, on 10 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral draft decision proposed by the Chairman without a vote (see para. 13, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations¹ and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon,²

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations¹ and of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;²

2. *Also takes note* of the related observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³

3. *Approves* recommendations 1 to 6 contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit.¹

¹ A/57/78.

² A/57/78/Add.1.

³ See A/57/434, paras. 2-4.

Draft resolution II
Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of
the establishment and management of mission subsistence
allowance rates

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates,¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates;¹

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 56/246 of 24 December 2001, particularly paragraph 8;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to submit an updated report on the question of mission subsistence allowance rates to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session.

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¹ A/56/648.

13. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly:

(a) Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Italy for offering five additional buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

(b) Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposal for the acceptance of five additional buildings pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

(c) Approves the transfer of five additional buildings pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base;

(d) Decides to keep under review during its fifty-eighth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

¹ A/58/596.

² A/58/609.

Draft decision II
Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.¹

¹ A/58/559.